

# NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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**Comments:**

Adaptable restrooms for  
single occupant of a specific  
space.

**Question:** What is the definition of “adaptable” when applied to a private user  
restroom?

**Response:**

When a toilet room is designed for use by a single occupant of a specific space it shall be designed to be “adaptable” so that accessible elements can be installed when needed after initial construction.

It is not intended to include moving walls, relocating plumbing, replacing fixtures, widening doors, or other work more appropriately addressed in design and construction.

Adaptability allows structural reinforcement or blocking for later installation of grab bars and removable base cabinetry below lavatories.

Rooms shall be designed to provide the required clear floor space at fixtures, turning space, correct door opening and maneuvering clearance.

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